

DON'T BE SCARED...

BE PREPARED!

A Guide to Caring for Pets in Emergencies



**A Public Service Guide from
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Dear Friend,

Like people, pets need a companion and a friendly environment to live in. Pets deserve to live in a home where they are loved and cherished. Sometimes however, their environment can be threatened due to an emergency and we need to make sure our pets are looked after as we would for our own family. It is important to ensure the safe transportation of our pets in the event of an unprecedented emergency.

Please take the time to read the guide below to help protect your beloved pets from a potential disaster.

Sincerely,

Don Clavin
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If You Care, You Should Prepare! Getting ready to help your pet in an emergency

- Pets are 100% dependent on humans.
- NEVER leave your pet behind. If it is not safe for you, it is not safe for your pet!
- Prepare a disaster supply kit for your pet before a disaster strikes.
- Make your plans now. Know where you and/or your pet will go if evacuated.
- Your pet will be most comfortable and happiest with you at a friend or relative's home or a pet-friendly hotel.
- Check with your veterinarian, groomer or boarding facility to see if they can shelter your pet in an emergency.

Being prepared takes the guesswork out of what to do in an emergency!

Prepare now! Any questions about how to prepare, contact the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter at (516) 785-5220.



Pet Emergency Checklists Are for the Birds...& Cats & Dogs & All Your Pets!

- ❑ **Food and Water:** At least 3-5 days' worth along with a bowl. Dry food should be kept in an airtight bag. Have handy a manual can opener if food is in a can. Also have water purification tablets.
- ❑ **Medicines and Medical Records:** Should be kept in a waterproof bag, listing any behavioral problems your pet has or special medical needs. Include shot records, name and phone number of your pet's veterinarian.
- ❑ **First Aid Kit:** Should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape, scissors, antibiotic ointment, latex gloves, alcohol pads and saline solution, styptic pencil, tweezers, cotton balls, eye wash, Vaseline, peroxide, tongue depressor, ear cleaner, ear bulb for irrigation and a Mylar blanket. Check with your veterinarian for any additional items he/she may suggest for your pet.
- ❑ **Supplies:** Collar with ID tag, harness or leash and muzzle.
- ❑ **Shelter:** Crate or other pet carrier large enough for your pet to stand comfortably in and turn around and lie down in. Include towels and blankets for warmth and bedding.
- ❑ **Sanitation:** Cat litter, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, sanitizing wipes, pop-up hand wipes, small plastic sandwich bags, latex gloves.
- ❑ **Familiar and Comfort Items:** Your pet's favorite toy, scented item from family or person to comfort your pet. Blanket for warmth, brush and/or comb and treats.
- ❑ **Identification:** Current photo of your pet with you and other family members. A card with your pet's name and microchip registration number as well as your name, address, and other contact numbers, such as family or friends.

**For more information
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